

MR. SPEAKER.—I request all the Members to rise and observe silence for two minutes as a mark of respect for the departed soul.

The House adjourned at Thirty Four Minutes past One of the Clock.

The House reassembled at Thirty Minutes past Five of the Clock.

(MR. SPEAKER IN THE CHAIR)

ANNOUNCEMENT

MR. SPEAKER.—I very much regret the circumstances under which the House was adjourned at about 1-45 P.M. to-day. After the adjournment of the House, it was announced over the A.I.R. that the earlier news conveying the demise of Sri Jayaprakash Narayanji is not correct. This news is most comforting to one and all, although his condition is stated to be still bad. I hope the House will join me in offering our gratitude to the Almighty for saving a most valuable life. We shall also pray that Loknayak Sri Jayaprakash Narayanji will recover from his illness and his valuable guidance will be available to the country for many more years to come.

Grant of D. A. to the Government Employees

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS.—Sir, now the Finance Minister will make a statement regarding D.A. to Government Employees.

SRI S. R. BOMMAI.—Not now. Let him make it tomorrow.

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS.—They are anxiously waiting for it. After all, the news is not bad. So, he can make a statement. I request that permission may be given to him to make a statement.

Then, Sir, whatever we had spoken before adjournment may not go on record.

MR. SPEAKER.—Yes.

SRI H.D. DEVE GOWDA.—If it is expunged and the Chair gives a ruling that it should not be published, then the Press will not publish it.

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS.—It should not be published. That is not correct also.

SRI H.D. DEVEGOWDA.—We may appeal to the Press People not to publish it.

SRI S.R. BOMMAI.—We are correcting the records. No question of expunction will arise.